



Semantic Changes in Latvian Helonyms (the Names of Bogs and Swamps).

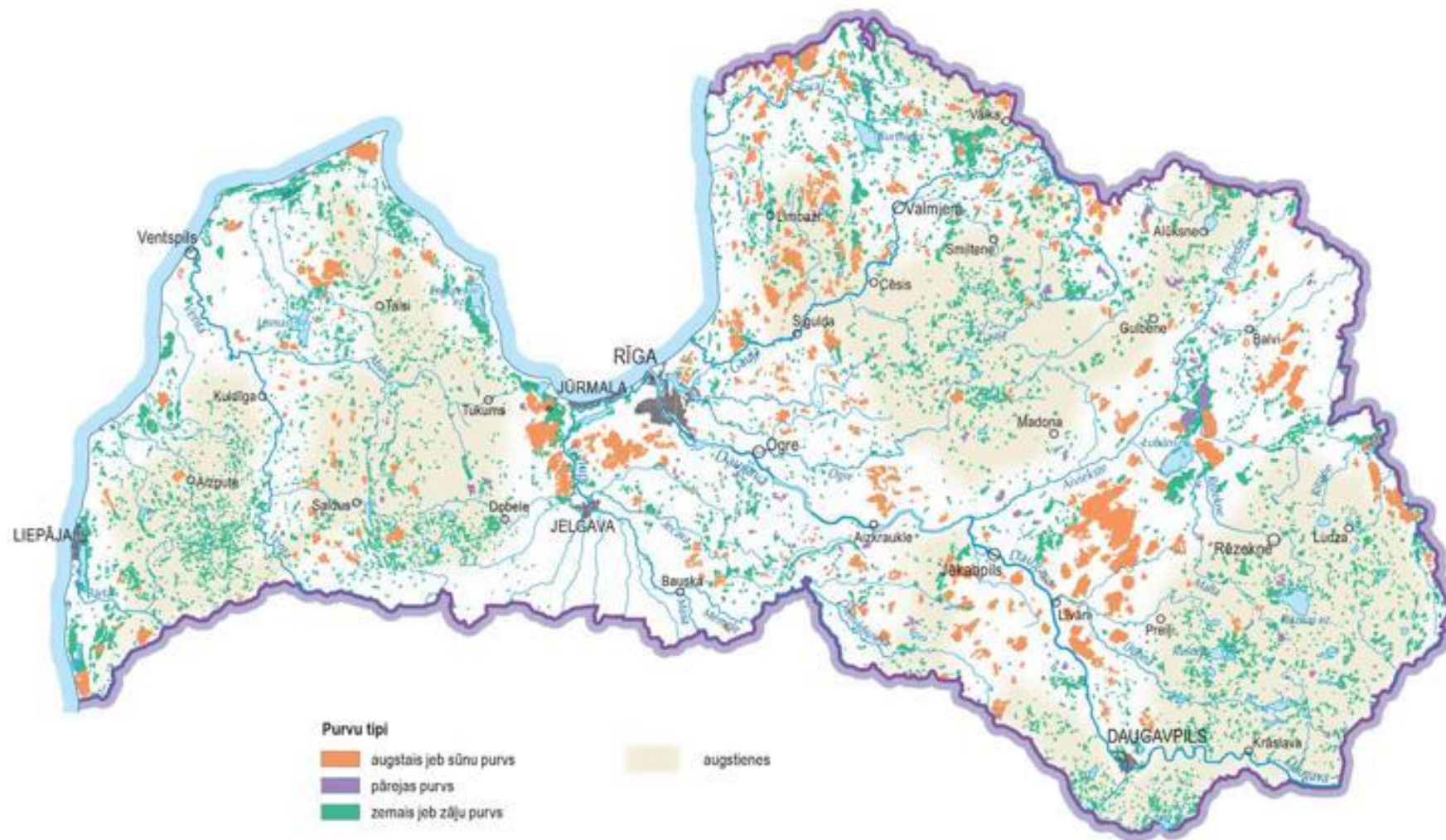
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Purvi

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Swamps in Latvia

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Helonyms available in the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency's Place Names Database.

Pamatnosaukums	Objekta ID	Objekta veids	Objekta stāvoklis	Oficiālais nosaukums [avota saīsinājums]	Citi nosaukumi	Administratīvā vai teritoriālā vienība	Ģeogrāfiskais platums	Ģeogrāfiskais garums
Acpors [uo]	70460	purvs	pastāv			Snēpeles pagasts, Kuldīgas novads, agrāk Kuldīgas rajons	56° 50' 43"	21° 55' 21"
Adleru purvs	91754	purvs	pastāv			Vaives pagasts, Cēsu novads, agrāk Cēsu rajons	57° 12' 39"	25° 26' 22"
Adulienas ezera purvs	89901	purvs	pastāv			Tīrzas pagasts, Gulbenes novads, agrāk Gulbenes rajons	57° 05' 06"	26° 26' 19"
Aijažu purvs	91193	purvs	pastāv			Lēdurgas pagasts, Krimuldas novads, agrāk Limbažu rajons	57° 22' 07"	24° 43' 11"
Aizkraukdes purvs (Aklais purvs)	85864	purvs	pastāv		Aklais purvs	Aizkraukdes pagasts, Aizkraukdes novads, agrāk Aizkraukdes rajons	56° 41' 03"	25° 14' 34"

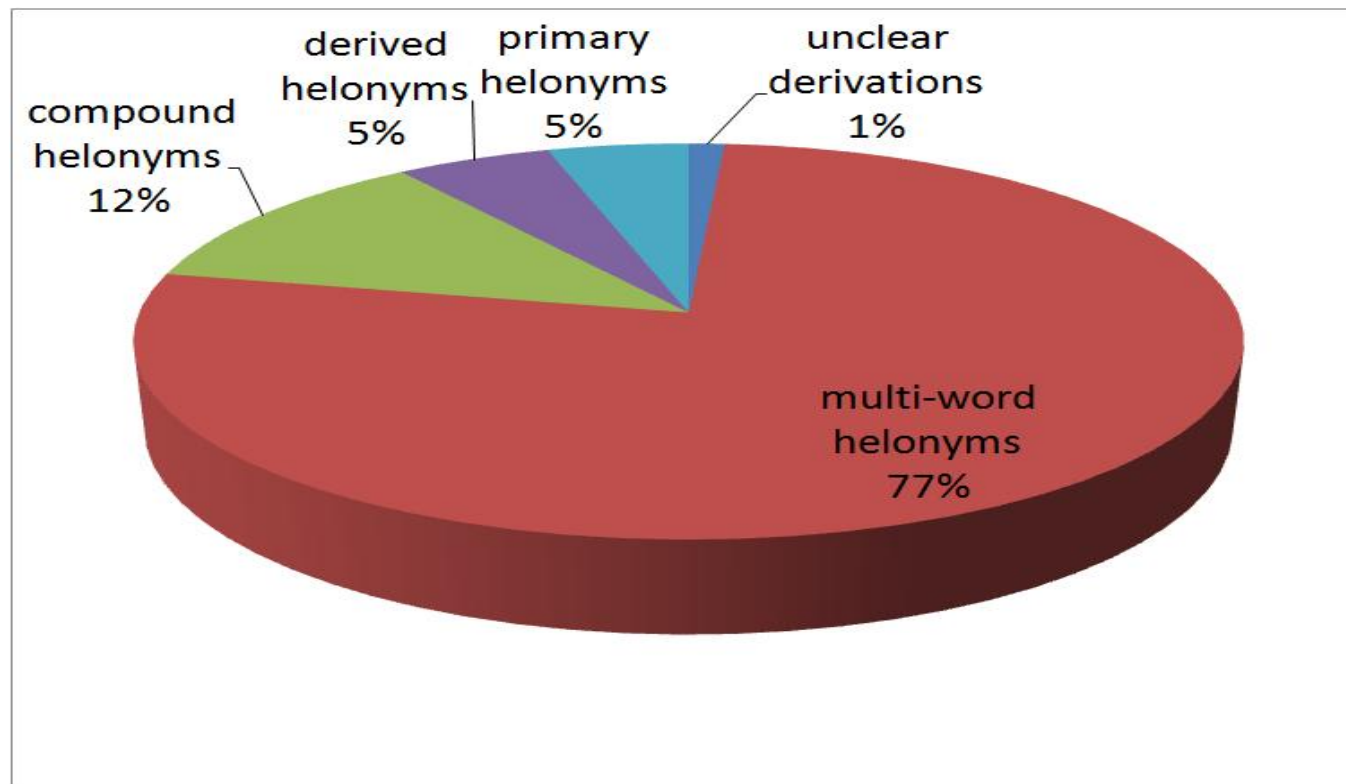
Topoderivation of Latvian helonyms

Multi-word helonyms (77 %) – *Baltais purvs, Gūraišu purvs, Iuzu pūrs*

Compound helonyms (12 %) – *Bodskokts, Piļpalda, Dižlauks*

Derived helonyms (5 %) – *Džūkstenis, Lēlītis, Seiline, Aizmastiņš*

Primary helonyms (5 %) – *Dangas, Pūlis, Niedrājs*



3 types of semantic changes

- Onymization – a conversion of common words into proper names (appellative *līdums* > helonym *Līdums*)
- Transtonymization – a change of place name category (name of the village *Būkšti* > helonym *Būkšti*)
- Metaphor, metonymy – a transfer of meaning (*Elles pods, Melnie akači*)

Onymization

The process of onymization i.e. **a conversion of common words into proper names** is discussed

Appellative *palts* 'puddle, rainwater stream' - primary helonym *Paļtes*

Capital letters:

multi-word helonym *Trešā Paļts*

Appellative *peiss* 'local name of pine forest wettland' – *Augstais Peiss*

! *Dižais Tīrlauks, Mazais Tīrlauks* (*Tīrlauks* – the real name of the existing swamp)

! *Garie Brīkumi* (*Brīkumi* - the real name of the existing farmstead)

Onymization (primary helonyms)

80 out of 85 decrypted primary helonyms have been formed in the process of onymization:

Akate, Amšara, Aišpūri, Aizpūre, Aizupe, Aizraķe, Balziens, Bērži, Briuklojs [uo], Cērpiens, Dambji, Dangas, Degums, Dugnas, Dūņajs, Eglieni, Grebis, Kārklājs, Krūklis, Krumslis, Kulises, Ķirba, Lagāts, Lanka, Lankas (2), Līdums, Liekne (2), Lieknes, Līkšņa, Lomi, Luksts, Lūžņas, Ļiuns, Mohs, Nīdrojs [uo], Ozolājs, Paiseklis, Paromba, Peizums, Paļtes, Pempis, Pizari, Plocis [uo] (3), Ploči, Pokovs, Popiens, Pori, Posums, Pūlis, Pūtelis, Rācenājs, Rāvājs, Rosča, Sāris, Slīksnis, Sokle, Sūnāklis (3), Sūneklis, Šauri, Teireļs, Tīrelis (9), Tīrs, Tīrulis, Vecenes, Vērājs, Vilks.

Primary (non-derived) helonyms that have been formed from physiographic appellatives denoting bogs, marshes and wetlands



The meaning of some appellatives (primary helonyms)

- *danga*

- 1) 'an area of land surrounded by marsh or water on three sides' - 'zemes nogabals, kuru no trim pusēm apņēmis purvs vai ūdens' (ME I, 437);
- 2) 'recesses, ridges' - 'padziļinājumi, izbrauktas risas' (ME I, 437).

- *likšņa*

- 1) 'a piece of lake overgrown with meadow' - 'ezera gabals, kuram virsū pāraugusi pļava' (ME II, 487);
- 2) 'areas of fallen and uncultivated trees' - 'kritušu un nenovāktu koku apvidus' (EH I, 749).

Synonymy of nomenclature words used in bog names

Wet, low meadow

1) *lanka*

2) *liekne*

3) *luksts*

4) *sokle*

(Onymization?) of compound helonyms and multi-word helonymes

- In a small part of the compound helonyms (*Klaņpurs*, *Klāņpors*, *Plančpurs*, *Pūņpurs*, *Tīreļpurvs*) both components correspond to the name status of the nomenclature of bogs and swamps,
- Both components of multi-word helonymes correspond to the name status of the nomenclature of bogs and swamps:
Dumbļa pors [uo], *Lanciņu purvs*, *Lankuča tīrs*, *Lukstu purvs*, *Paltu purvs*, *Paļšu purs*, *Peisa pūrs* (2), *Peizas purvs*, *Pelces purvs*, *Pelšu purvs*, *Ploču purvs* [uo] (2), *Popāju tīrelis*, *Pūņu purvs*, *Sūnākļa pūrs*, *Tīreļa purvs* (2), *Tīreļu purvs*.
Pūņpurs, *Pūņu purvs* (*pūņa* ‘a small swampy place’ + *purs*, *purvs* ‘swamp’).

Transtoponymization

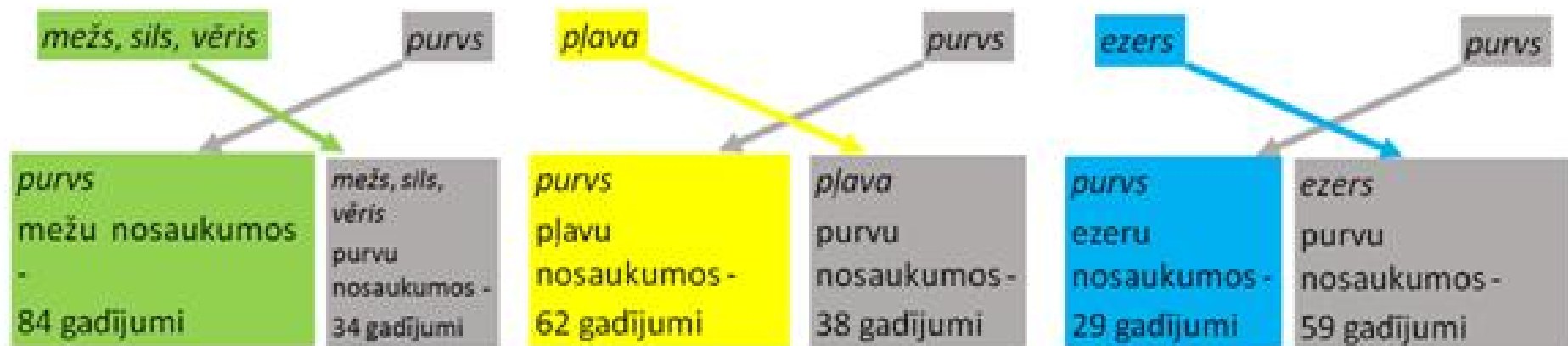
- A category of the place name has been changed (name of the village *Būkšti* > helonym *Būkšti*)
- The second component of compound and word-group helonyms does not quite often correspond to the semantics of helonyms (*Lāču ezers*).
- The original form of the name can be retained even if the object itself has changed or disappeared.
- Helonyms are a specific category of toponyms, and their analysis should be done by also taking into consideration the names of meadows, forests and lakes.

Usage of the nomenclature word swamp in the names of meadows, lakes and forests.

Usage of the nomenclature word lake in the names of swamps.

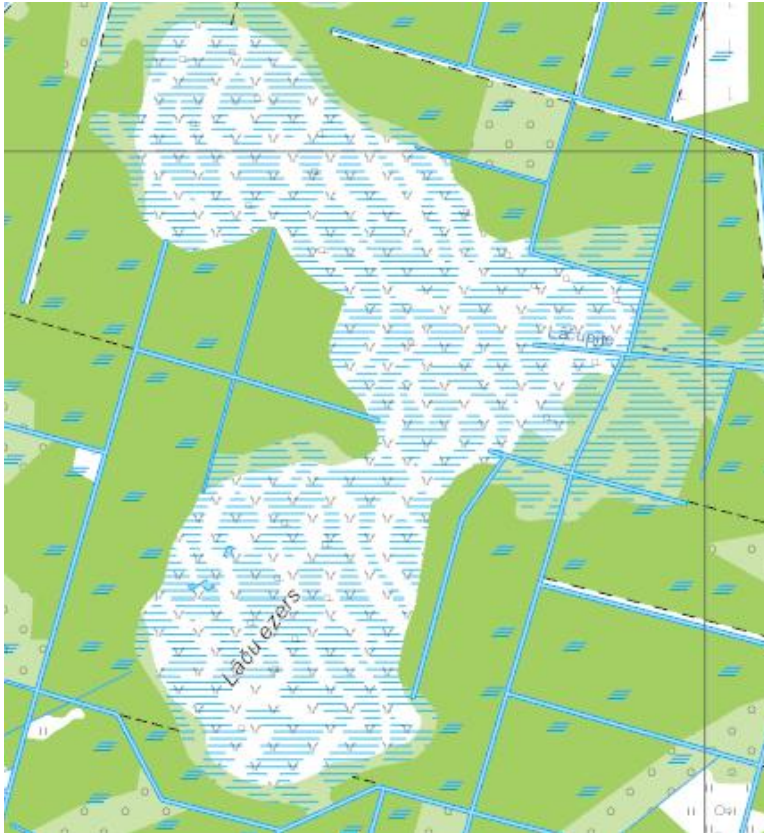
Usage of the nomenclature word meadow in the names of swamps.

Usage of the nomenclature word forest in the names of swamps.



Lakes have transformed to swamps but they are still naming as lakes in the maps
(*Lāču ezers* and *Ūzumižas ezers*)

(L. IA Karšu P. rīks)

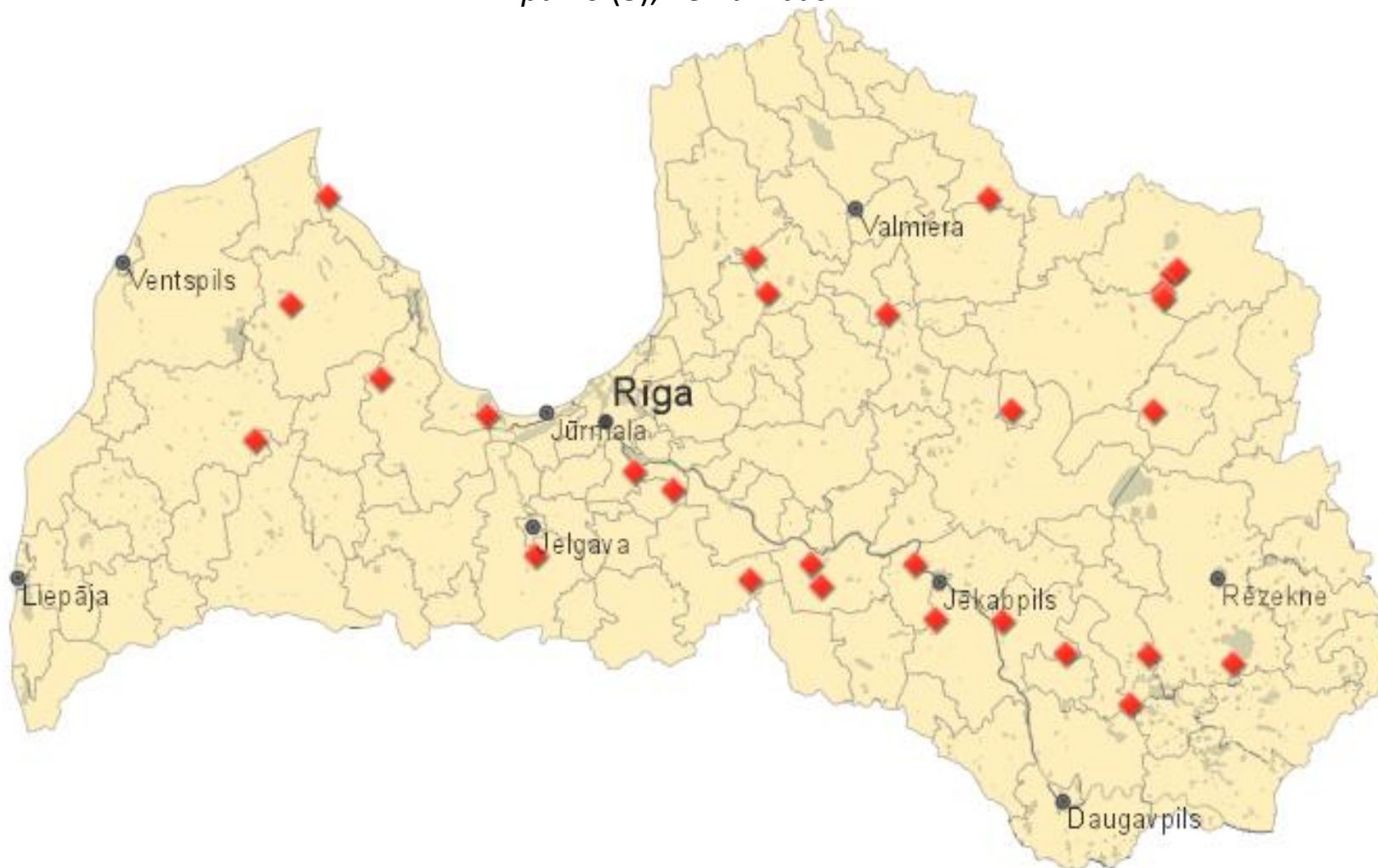


Metaphorical helonyms

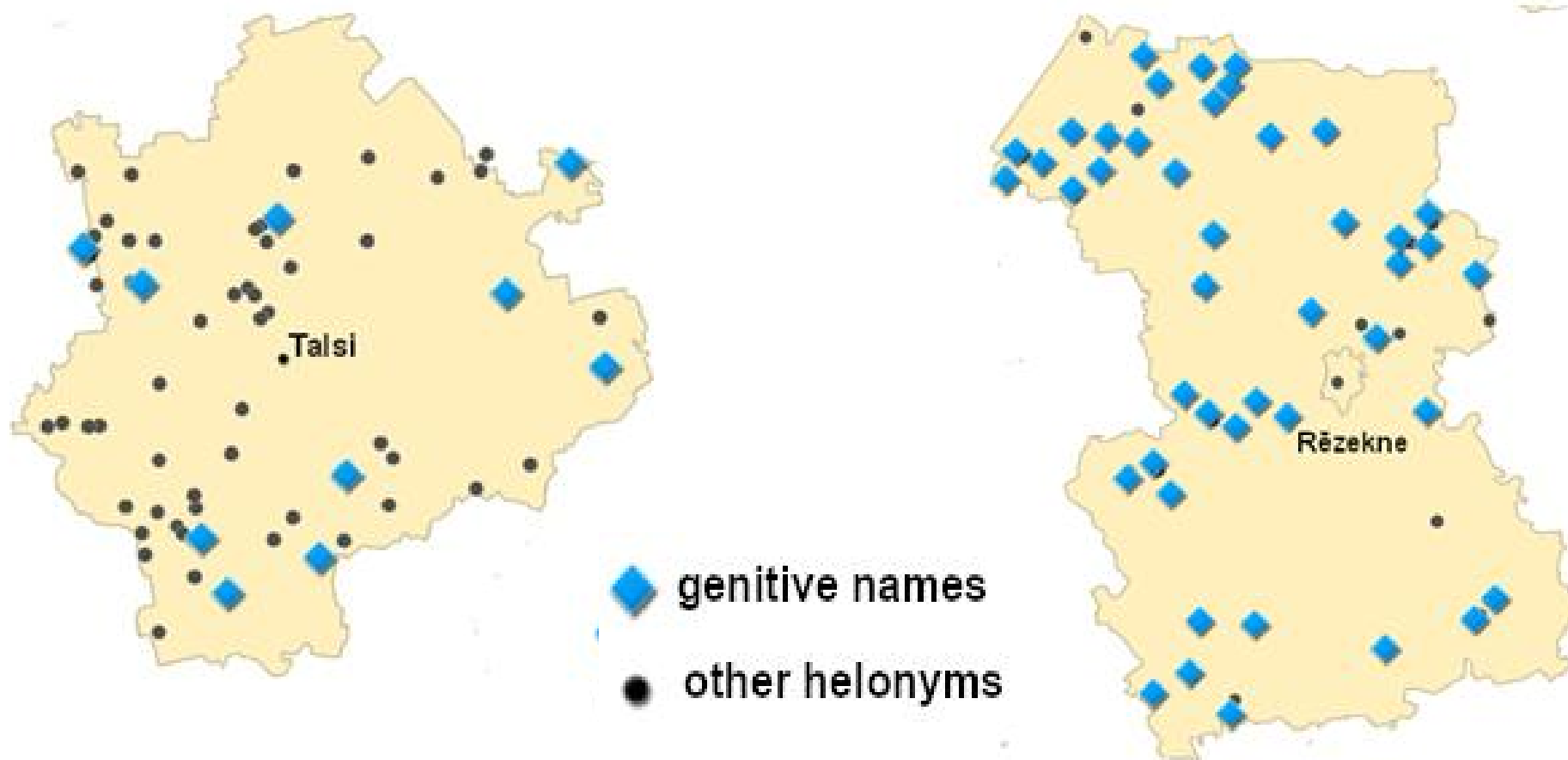
- There are relatively few metaphorical helonyms in the material analyzed;
- Sometimes it is not possible to determine whether the helonym has a metaphorical transfer of meaning or has the creation of the name been motivated by an externally perceptible feature.
- The material analyzed also contains a relatively small number (20) of metaphorical helonyms related to the mythological worldview. Their distribution is quite pronounced in the region around the Daugava, and extralinguistic causes are likely to be the explanation.

Metaphorical helonyms related to the mythological worldview

Elles pods, Elles purvs (2), Pūķu purvs, Raganu purviņš, Raganu purvs, Raganu pūrs, Roganu pūrs, Rūķu purvs, Valla pūriņš, Valna pūrs (2), Vella puriņš, Vella purvs, Velliņu purvs, Velna purvs (3), Velna ribas.



Multi-word genitive names of the helonyms in counties of Talsi and Rēzekne



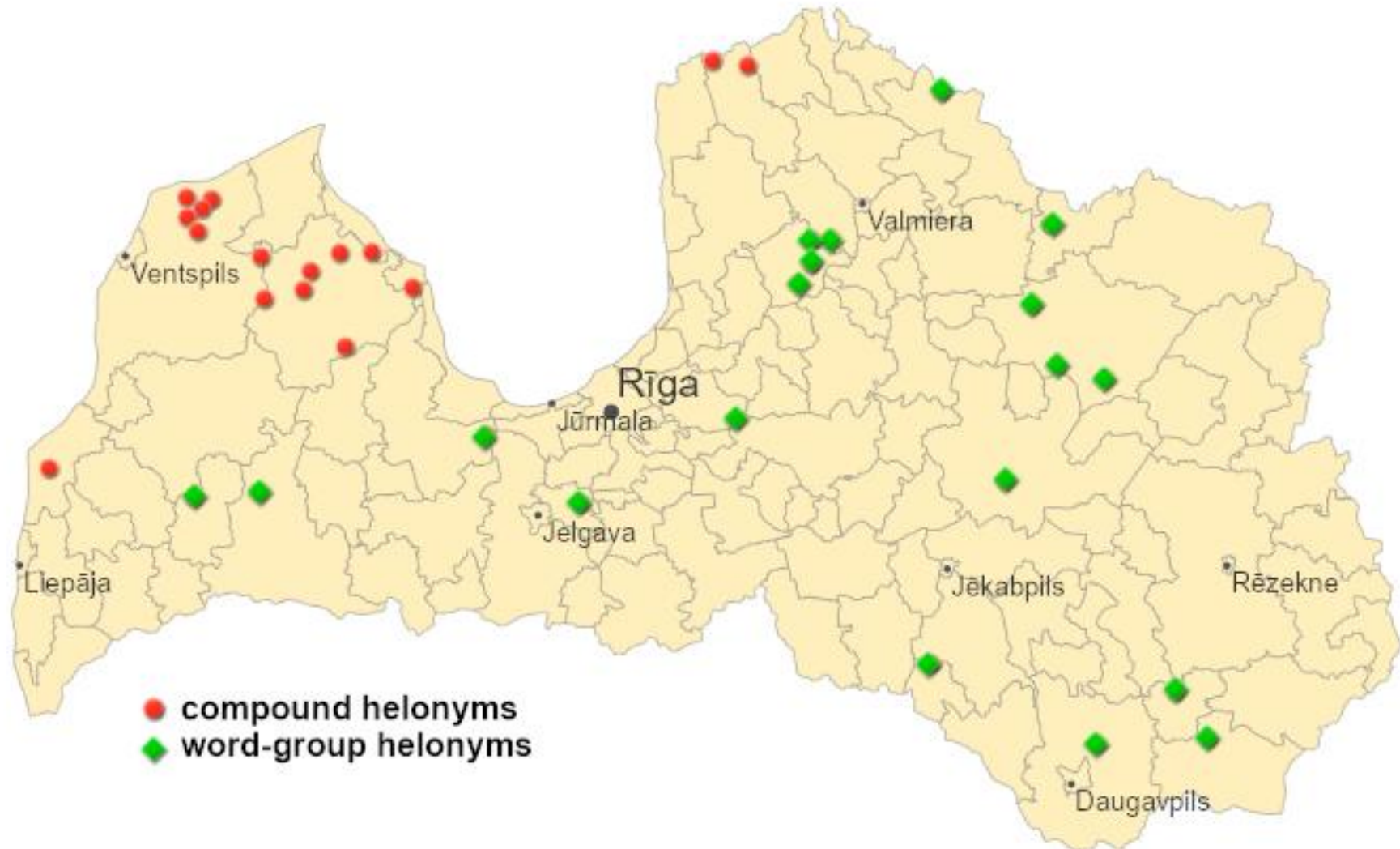
Compound helonyms created of 3 components

Griklībpurs, Gurlankplavas, Jāņkalnpurs, Jāņkrogpurs, Krievragsēklis, Liepmuižpurs, Māmežpors, Mazstrazdspurs, Melluptīrelis, Pirtsmežpurs, Preinvadpurs, Skaidceļpurvs, Stulbezerpurvs, Talsmuižpurs, Vilkvalkpurs, Zaķirbpurs.

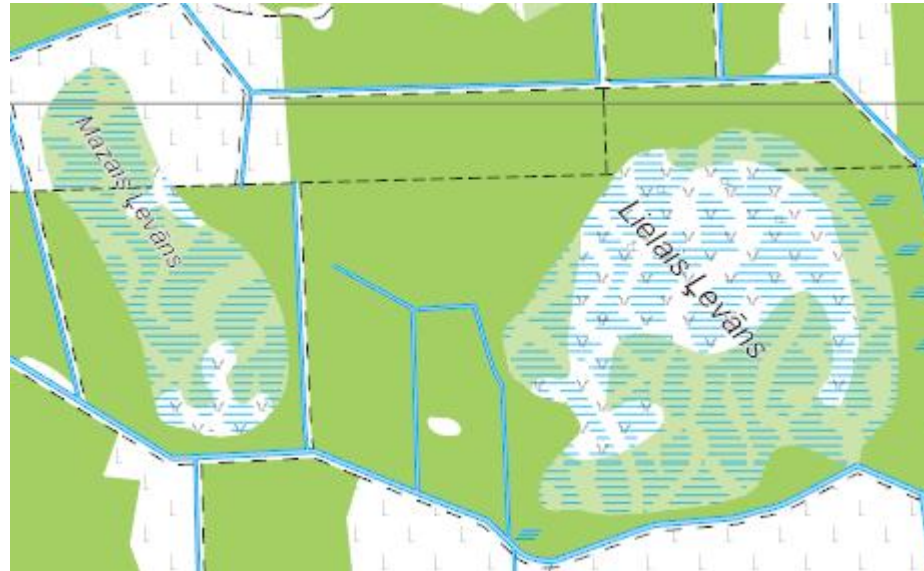
Multi-word helonyms created of 3 components

- *Adulienas ezera purvs, Caurās priedes purvs, Dīva dorza pūrs [uo], Gulbju salas purvs, Marijas kalna purvs, Melderīšu ezera purvs, Velna ezera purvs un Teirās siunas pūrs.*
- *Lielais Aknīstes purvs, Lielais Kangaru purvs, Lielais Mārku purvs, Lielais Sieksātes purvs, Lielais Ungura purvs, Lielais Ķemeru tīrelis, Mazais Lāču purvs un Mazais Veīķenieku purvs*
- *Svētais–Niedruškas purvs, Biernānu–Mikānu pūrs, Teterkalna–Mucenieku purvs*

Three-words-compound and word-group (multi-word) helonyms



Polarization of helonyms



(LĢIA Karšu Pārlūks)

- Lielais Ļevāns*** and ***Mazais Ļevāns***
- Lielais Simsons*** and ***Mazais Simsons***
- Lielais pūlis*** and ***Mazais pūlis***
- Lielais tīrelis*** and ***Mazais tīrelis***

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Thank you!

